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Title:	<b>ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH CENTER FILL PERFORMANCE</b>	
Customer No.:	35844	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated as mailed on 07 December 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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